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We also enclose a copy of the International Search Report. Please note though that in the case of U.S. Patent no. 5,949,756, at least the abstract should also be mentioned.

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